

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
SATOSHI YOSHIDA, ET AL. ) : Examiner: Chris RoDee  
Application No.: Not yet assigned ) : Group Art Unit: 1756  
Division of: Appln. No. 09/788,397 )  
filed February 21, 2001 )  
Filed: Herewith )  
For: DEVELOPER, IMAGE-FORMING )  
METHOD, AND PROCESS )  
CARTRIDGE ) : August 21, 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

a) Introductory Comments

Prior to receipt of the first action on the merits, kindly amend the subject application as follows: